

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 is amended as follows:

A¹ Today, a new protocol, lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), is gaining wide acceptance in business. The LDAP standard defines an information model for a directory, a namespace for defining how directory information is referenced and organized, and a network protocol for accessing information in the directory. LDAP can also include an application programming interface (API). The LDAP protocol mandates how client and server computers can communicate with a LDAP directory. However, LDAP does not mandate how data should be stored. ~~LDAP directories are described in greater detail in "Introduction to Directories and the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol," available at <http://www.stanford.edu/~hodges/talks/mactivity.ldap.97/index2.html>.~~ More and more companies today use an LDAP directory server to store a database of employees. The LDAP directory generally can store an employee name, phone number, address and other information about the employee, and a password for modifying the employee's information.